

DESERT AIRMAN

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Angie Erickson

Building superior firepower

(Left to right) Airman 1st Class Adrin McAfee, Airman 1st Class Fausto Rodriguez, and Staff Sgt. John Woletz, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron munition system specialists, install a guidance section on an AIM-9 missile. The munitions flight builds 700 500-pound bombs, 45,000 practice bombs, processes two million rounds of 30-millimeter cannon ammunition, and 17,000 missiles per year for the three A-10 squadrons, as well as maintaining munitions for the 42 different custody accounts. **See Page 12 for story.**

Happenings

NCO Induction Ceremony - Thursday

Flying Goal Day (Utilization or UTE) - Aug. 31

Labor Day - Sept. 3

Airman Leadership School graduation - Sept. 6

D-M 50 Golf Tournament - Sept. 7

Evening Legal Assistance - Sept. 12

Officers' Call - Sept. 14

Hispanic Heritage Month - Sept. 15 to Oct. 15

Pollution Prevention Month - September

Air Force Birthday Ball - Sept. 21

POW/MIA Day - Sep. 21

Aerospace Expeditionary Force "Welcome-Home" Picnic - Sept. 27

(See Community Section and upcoming issues for more details about many of the above events)

Everyone wins with IDEA Program

By Angie Erickson
355th Wing Public Affairs

Since October, more than \$27,000 was paid out to submitters whose ideas were approved through the Davis-Monthan Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program. These ideas saved the Air Force more than \$44,000,000.

The IDEA Program, formally known as the Suggestion Program,

encourages innovative thinking by both military and civilian members of all ranks. It is designed to reward individuals, whose ideas are adopted and implemented, with appropriate cash or non-cash rewards.

"There are processes that you are in contact with during your job that you may feel could be improved," said Lonnie Brumfield, 355th Wing Manpower IDEA analyst. "These improvements could

not only be submitted to help the Air Force save money, but may provide a cash reward to that individual."

Brumfield recently ensured that two of D-M's troops were awarded for their IDEA. Chief Master Sgt. Michael Nelson and Master Sgt. Juan Noguera from the 355th Supply Squadron received approximately \$9,000.

Their IDEA was submitted as a result of a problem they recog-

nized with the pulsars at the Automated Service Station.

Every service station has meters that register the amount of fuel that pass through them. Before automation, an attendant would write down the beginning meter readings at the start of the day and write down the ending meter readings at the end of the day. The difference would be the

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Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Lt. Gen. Charles Coolidge, AFMC/CV



355th Wing Flying Goals

A/OA-10s				EC-130E/Hs			
Sorties				Hours			
Goal	295	394	420	Goal	256	319	185
Flown	190	297	310	Flown	198	221	143
Delta	-7	31	20	Delta	-5	9	11
FY01	-7	31	20	FY01	-5	9	11

Current as of Wednesday

Did you know?

◆ The most common nutrition deficiency in the world is iron-deficiency anemia. An estimated 2 billion people worldwide suffer from this condition. In developing countries, 40 to 50 percent of children and more than 50 percent of women are deficient in iron.

◆ If you exercise regularly your heart attack risk is 45-percent lower.

◆ The biggest source of refined sugars for Americans is soda pop, which is generally devoid of nutritional value. Twelve to 19-year-old males consume 34 teaspoons of sugar a day, 44 percent of that from soda. Twelve to 19-year-old females consume about 24 teaspoons of sugar each day, 40 percent from soda.

(Courtesy of 355th Medical Group)



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The following individuals are Team D-M's Unit Public Affairs Representatives

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12th Air Force	
Tech. Sgt. Rian Clawson	8-6053
362nd Training Squadron	
Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jewell	8-6130

UPAR responsibilities

UPARs are responsible for being the "eyes and ears" of the public affairs office. Each and every squadron on base has unique individuals in it that have an interesting story to tell, whether it is about sports, awards, lifesaving acts, IDEA program contributions, etc.

Each of your squadrons are also making improvements to the methods or processes that they use or to squadron facilities or community areas via self help projects. UPARs are responsible for getting the information to the public affairs staff in a usable format and in a timely manner.

Not every idea is going to get picked up. The staff focuses on issues that effect the base populace in general, but it never hurts to present ideas to your squadron UPARs so that they can judge the input for newsworthiness or unique human interest appeal and forward it to the staff.

The following are some of the areas we hope to utilize UPARs to tell your squadron's story (based on skills):

- ◆ Provide news ideas as well as write and shoot photos of squadron activities for submission to the base newspaper;
- ◆ Review and solicit Hometown News Release submissions;
- ◆ Review their squadron's submissions to the base TV Channel (75); and
- ◆ Seek volunteers for tours and speaking engagements



Staff Sgt. Jill Jones
355th Medical Group
UPAR

Desert Lightning Channel

Schedule for June:

8 a.m. - Air Force News
8:30 a.m. - Desert Horizon
Noon - Air Force News
12:30 p.m. - Desert Horizon
6 p.m. - Air Force News
6:30 p.m. - Desert Horizon
7 p.m. - Army Newswatch
8 p.m. - Feature Tape
10 p.m. - Air Force News
10:30 p.m. - Desert Horizon

11 p.m. - Army Newswatch
Midnight - Feature Tape
2 a.m. - Air Force News
2:30 a.m. - Desert Horizon
3 a.m. - Army Newswatch

Desert Horizon
Fitness Center Expo
355th Wing Antiterrorism Program
The Burrowing Owls at Home on D-M

Feature Tape
The AEF Battlelab
Air Force Antiterrorism Training
Today's Air National Guard
AF History "The Memphis Belle"
Welcome to Hurlburt Field, Florida

The Desert Lightning Channel is on Cox Communications Channel 75, for programming comments or suggestions, call 8-3204.

118 airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at 850-2233
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56 days since last D-M DUI
Last unit: 42nd ACCS
(Current as of Wednesday)

**Team D-M
remembers
Rusty Arbeit**

Memorial service
11 a.m. Saturday
Adair Funeral Home



This week the Desert Lightning Wing mourns the loss of Rusty Arbeit, the 355th Wing's former air space manager, assigned to the 355th Operations Support Squadron. We proudly salute his faithful years of service as an Air Force fighter pilot, Air Force civil servant, dedicated warrior, American patriot and friend. His heroic battle against the cancer that ultimately claimed his life and cheerful personality made a great impact on many members of the wing who took inspiration from him. Team D-M will miss him dearly.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at 228-4747, or you can send an e-mail to us at: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional

information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

AAFES Agencies	8-3904
Accounting and Finance	8-4964
Chaplain	8-5411
Civil Engineering	8-3401
Clinic	8-2930
Commissary	8-3116
Family Support	8-5690
Fitness Center	8-3714
Housing Office	8-3687
Inspector General	8-3558
Legal	8-6432
Lodging	8-4845
Military/Civilian	
Equal Opportunity Office	8-5509
Military Personnel	8-5689
Public Affairs	8-3204
Security Forces	8-6178
Services	8-5596
Transportation	8-3584

Commander's Corner

Food prep

Concern: My complaint is about the gal preparing food behind the counter at the bowling alley. Today was a down day so it was very busy and she did not have any help. For about 40 minutes, she was ranting and raving and carrying on. My suggestion is to get her some help or get her out from behind the counter. The manager listened to her for about 30 minutes before finally saying something to her. If he had to listen to it for 30 minutes, I think somebody should do something for him, too.

Response: On the day in question, one of the cooks called in sick, leaving the other cook without help and stressed because the facility was unusually busy. Although upset, the lone cook proceeded to prepare more than 135 food orders. It was unfortunate that her frustration was so evident to our valued customers and we apologize for her behavior and the delays incurred. If you have any further questions or concerns,

please contact Bo Treadway, 355th Services Squadron Business Operations Flight chief, at 8-3847.

Smoking area

Concern: I am a non-smoker and make every effort to avoid cigarette smoke.

My problem is when I go to the Base Exchange, Barber Shop, or any other shop located at the BX shopping center I am forced to walk through cigarette smoke.

Is there a way to designate a smoking area away from the entrances to these shops?

I understand that smokers have rights, but I do, too.

Response: Thank you for the opportunity to re-addressed our BX smoking area policy. Smoking is not permitted within 50 feet of the BX or any Army Air Force Exchange Services concessionaire. A designated smoking area is clearly identified and should be used. Failure to comply with this policy should be pointed out to the BX manager for appropriate resolution at 8-3904.

Aerobic fees

Concern: I am calling concerning aerobics classes at the gym. I know they offer a free class at lunch. Now I am told they will begin charging \$2. I had the impression that the regulation states they need to offer one free class per day. I am concerned about having to pay \$2; it has been free since I have been here.

Response: We previously had two volunteer certified instructors who taught our free aerobics classes. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the free classes because we lost both of the instructors (one retired and the other deployed). As a result, we had to temporarily contract out the lunchtime aerobics class.

We've since identified another volunteer certified instructor, who is teaching free classes on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. For more information, please contact Capt. Dawn Lancaster, 355th Services Squadron Combat Support Flight commander, at 8-6908.

Final Answer

What is the best thing about going back to school?



Michael Fitzpatrick
Son of Jennifer and Steve Alcorn, 357th Fighter Squadron

"Play outside."



Shanna Dowling
Daughter of Capt. Mara Dowling 612th Air Intelligence Squadron

"Eat ice cream and meet new friends."



Kayla and Katie Jobes
Daughters of Staff Sgt. James Jobes 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron

"We are excited about the new teachers and that we are allowed to run to school and do art afterwards."



Austin Cunningham
Son of Alice and Staff Sgt. Patrick Cunningham 355th Supply Squadron

"Going outside and playing with my friends."



Alicia Jones
Daughter of Felicia and Staff Sgt. Jerome Jones 355th Medical Support Squadron

"Math."



Tyler Keeter
Son of Ginger and Tech. Sgt. Milton Keeter 355th Wing

"I get to do homework."

Don't kill your chance of survival

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

Despite the fact that the annual 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign is winding down for another year, Air Force officials are stressing a single message to airmen stationed around the world: Don't let your guard down — safety is a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year proposition.

That is the word at the Pentagon as the number of Air Force fatalities reached new levels this year. More Air Force people have lost their lives in 2001 — 53 airmen to date — than either of the previous two years.

The majority of fatal accidents have occurred in off-duty vehicle accidents.

As the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign enters its last few weeks, Air Force officials are reminding people that safety measures should be practiced year-round, both on and off duty.

Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff,

is urging commanders to focus attention on protecting airmen and their families.

"Our troops are our most vital asset," he said. "You can have the most modern and reliable equipment, but without people, it is merely machinery.

Motor vehicle operations and recreational activities are our top killers and leading causes of serious injuries.

We need to focus our efforts to avoid dangerous driving and recreational risk environments.

"Any accident is one accident too many," Ryan said. "And while accidents do happen, more can be done to prevent them."

The primary causes of death include drinking and driving, failure to wear seatbelts, excessive speed for conditions and violation of traffic laws.

"While we can't control the other guy, we can make sure we do the right thing," Ryan said.

"Follow basic common sense guidelines — wear your seatbelt, drive defensively, and if

you're going to drink, don't drive."

This year's 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign has also seen an increase in on-duty deaths. Four airmen have lost their lives while on the job.

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch said it is important to not only look out for one's own personal safety, but that of others as well.

"Our people make us the best Air Force in the world. It's important that we take care of them," he said.

"Watch over your buddies. Make sure they follow proper safety procedures and that they're OK.

"Accidents do happen and sometimes they're caused by humans," Finch said.

"If there is an accident, do your best to make sure the human error wasn't yours."

It is also important for people to exercise caution during the summer heat and not over-extend themselves, safety officials said.

Drink plenty of water and watch others for warning signs of heat-related illnesses.

A little caution now could save a life, maybe even your own, officials said.

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amount of fuel issued. When service stations were automated, a device (pulsar) was placed in the fuel pump next to the meter. The pulsar is a round disc with holes in it. Light passes through the hole and as fuel is issued the pulsar turns. Every time the light is broken it sends a signal to the computer indicating a gallon of fuel has been issued. The problem experienced was that the pulsar would turn before any fuel was issued. Out of 12 pulsars only one was working properly. Noguerras

contacted the company who sent new pulsars and the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron's Liquid Fuels Flight replaced them. A test was done with the new pulsars and the problem was resolved.

Since there was no requirement to check the pulsars, the IDEA was initiated. Requirements were written into Technical Order 37-1-1 to have the fuels flights check their pulsars initially and then semiannually. Based on the pulsars that were replaced a first year cost savings to the Air Force of approximately \$298,000 was realized. The great thing about this IDEA is that implementation did not cost the Air Force one dollar since the replacement of the pulsars was at contractor's expense.

"We had noticed a trend at the Automated Service Station where we were having consistent gains," said Noguerras.

"In other words, the meters would say that 50 gallons was issued however, the actual fuel issued according to the computer was 55 gallons. The 55 gallons represents the amount of fuel being charged to the customer. The fact that during a three-month period, only gains were occurring and no losses, was unusual."

Nelson had seen this problem when he was the fuels manager at Lajes, Azores and we decided to do

a count test. The count test is designed to evaluate the performance of the pulsars and determine if they are working properly. As a result of the count test it was determined that the pulsars were not correctly accounting for the fuel being issued and were actually charging up to a gallon before any fuel had been dispensed. Noguerras contacted the company, requested new pulsars, and replaced the faulty ones and the problem was solved.

"I am very happy with the IDEA program," said Noguerras who has been involved with the program since 1989. "Prior to this IDEA, I have submitted seven ideas and all have been approved and the awards have ranged from \$25 to about \$4,000."

He says he would definitely encourage other personnel to get involved with the program. "It's a program that anyone can get involved in, possibly change the way the Air Force does business, and get paid doing it. It's even easier now since the program has been automated. You can go online, <https://ideas.satx.disa.mil> and actually fill out the IDEA form, track its' progress, and look at other suggestions that have been approved," said Noguerras. For more information on the IDEA program, call Lonnie Brumfield at 8-4332.

TAP changes

Although Transition Assistance Program benefits for most members planning to retire or separate will remain in effect until Dec. 31, permissive temporary duty for retirees is projected to expire Sept. 30.

Permissive TDY for retirees was established by Air Force policy; however, law has never mandated it. It is important to note that permissive TDY is separate from terminal leave, which will not be effected by the change. The Air Force Personnel Center Transition and Relocation Operations has received numerous queries regarding the termination of TAP benefits for individuals projected for retirement and separation.

In response to those queries, there is a possibility that TAP benefits will be extended under the fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Act, but it's inclusion is tentative until President Bush signs the bill into law.

According to officials, it is too early to comment on a possible extension of permissive TDY for projected retirees.

For more information call Staff Sgt. Bobby Fisher, 355th Mission Support Squadron at 8-5326.

"I t's a program that anyone can get involved in, possibly change the way the Air Force does business, and get paid doing it."

— Master Sgt. Juan Noguerras
355th Supply Squadron

Spanish speakers wanted

The Inter-American Air Forces Academy, located in San Antonio Texas, will be sending representatives to Davis-Monthan to recruit Spanish-speaking airmen August 29.

From 1943 to this day, the Academy's mission of promoting Inter-Americanism throughout Latin America continues to be paramount in sustaining U.S. foreign policy. As a member of the 120 Spanish-speaking Air Force members, they would be an ambassador to Latin American Air Forces, providing instruction in one of more than 60 supervisory, technical and academic courses.

Curriculum at the Academy includes courses in aircraft systems and maintenance, helicopter maintenance, electronics, communications, intelligence, supply, logistics, air base ground defense, security, pilot instrument procedures, computer resources, and information systems management.

The assignment is a four-year controlled tour. Other benefits include opportunities to travel to countries in the Caribbean, Mexico, Central and South America while receiving up to \$200 a month in Foreign Language Proficiency Pay.

There will be two briefings Aug. 29 at the Logistics Training Flight's auditorium, Building 1541 at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., as well as flightline visits. Call Master Sgt. David Asher at 8-4740 for more information.

Comm squadron clears up slow Web surfing

By 2nd Lt. John Leary
355th Communications Squadron
Unit Public Affairs Representative

A massive breakout. Zits? No, not quite. It's actually CITS, the Combat Information Transport System. But like zits, CITS began popping-up on the face of Davis-Monthan AFB when the project began Aug. 10.

CITS provides an integrated, high bandwidth Information Transport System solution consisting of network systems and fiber optic cable connectivity between facilities at Davis-Monthan. What does this mean in plain English?

"Basically, we'll be installing fiber optic cable and the latest and greatest equipment to allow users to access and transfer information on the Local Area Network faster," said Joshua Nguyen, a Project Manager of the 355th Communications Squadron Plans Flight.

Along with Tech. Sgt. Bonnie Pritchett, 355th CS Plans and Implementation NCO in charge, Nguyen is one of the primary base points of contact for the \$11.7-million project. Both Pritchett and Nguyen have worked closely with General Dynamics in developing the CITS plan for D-M.

CITS provides connectivity to approximately 173 termination points, 233,000 feet of fiber optic cable, and includes 19 new manholes connected by approximately 40,000 linear feet of four-inch conduit. These numbers alone tell you that this is a huge base project.

General Dynamics is projected to finish by Aug. 5, 2002. Between now and then, they will be digging ditches, surveying buildings and storage areas, and conducting construction all over the base.

Pritchett and Nguyen have worked to see the CITS plan through. General Dynamics will be working in the trenches and getting down and dirty.

The base population is asked to "be patient when digging crews impede traffic," said Pritchett. "If we visit your respective area, help us get in and out so we can get our work done quickly. Just bear with us, and you'll reap the rewards in the end."

If you have any questions on CITS or whether or not any action is within the scope of the plan, contact either Pritchett at 8-7000 or Nguyen at 8-6903.

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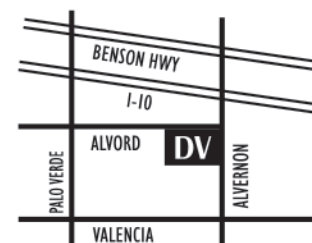
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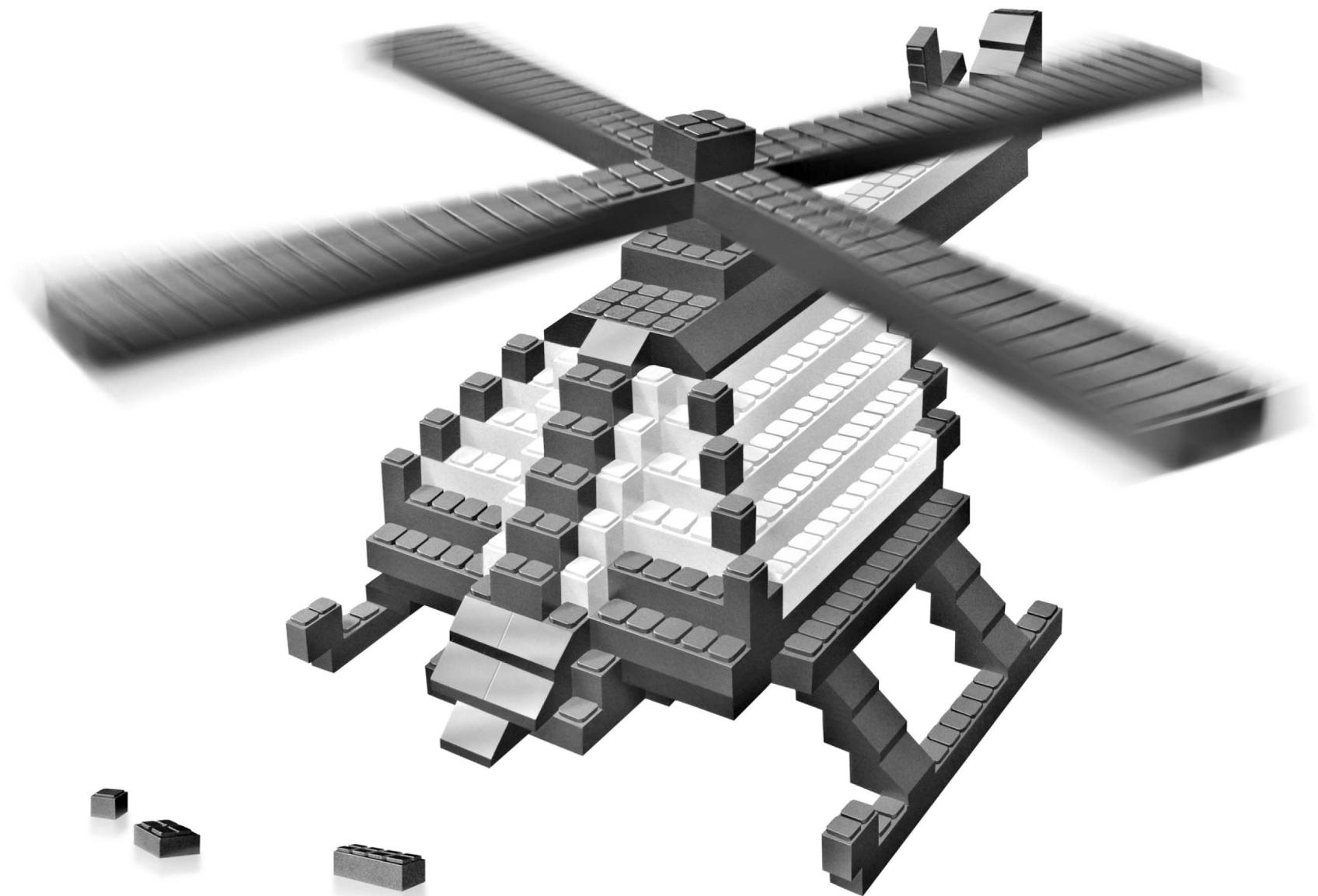
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DOD tightens blood donation rules due to mad cow disease concerns

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

Defense Department officials say they believe "stepped up" recruiting efforts will make up for a narrowed blood donor pool caused by restrictions that begin in September because of mad cow disease concerns.

The new DOD restrictions dovetail with tightened U.S. Food and Drug and Administration donor guidelines, now in draft form, that are designed to prevent possible contamination of the U.S. blood supply by the human variant of mad cow disease, said Army Col. Mike Fitzpatrick, Armed Services Blood Program director.

Mad cow disease, first identified in the United Kingdom in 1986, is a fatal, brain-wasting ailment medically known as bovine (cow) spongiform encephalopathy, said DOD veterinary officials.

The disease is believed to have spread through contaminated animal feed. Fewer than 100 cases of the human form of the malady, called variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, have been reported, mostly in Britain. There is no vaccine or cure for the disease. It

usually kills its victims within 18 months from the onset of symptoms.

Humans who have contracted variant CJD seem to have ingested contaminated meat, DOD veterinary officials said.

However, those officials said they believe servicemembers and their families living in Europe have little risk of getting the disease by eating commissary meat products, since those products are procured outside the United Kingdom.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Rebecca Sparks, Armed Services Blood Program deputy director, estimated the changes would reduce DOD's donor pool by about 18 percent. Each year DOD collects about 130,000 pints of blood to obtain 110,000 usable blood units, she said.

"We need a vigorous donor recruitment campaign, and that is currently under way," Sparks said. "We are going to get out there and encourage our DOD donors and beneficiaries to donate so that we can make up this deficit."

Current American Association of Blood Banks rules allow people to donate blood up to five times a year, or roughly once every 10 weeks, Fitzpatrick said. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

Blood donation restrictions

According to the new Department of Defense restrictions, all members (including active-duty military, civil-service employees, and family members) will be **indefinitely banned** from donating blood if they:

- ◆ Traveled or resided in the United Kingdom for a cumulative total of three months or more at any time from 1980 through the end of 1996;
- ◆ Received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom at any time from 1980 to the present;
- ◆ Traveled or resided anywhere in Europe for a cumulative total of six months or more at any time from 1980 through the end of 1996; and
- ◆ Traveled or resided anywhere in Europe for a cumulative total of five years or more at any time from Jan. 1, 1997, to the present.



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Great minds think alike

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

The recent decision by the National Archives and Records Administration to remove the original Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution from public display because of a renovation project really hit home with me. Being a new resident of the National Capital Region, I had listed that location as a "must see" during my tour at the Pentagon, along with

the Washington Monument and the Jefferson Memorial.

To the average American, these documents provide a glimpse of the brilliance our forefathers demonstrated in laying the blueprint for our country. That we have become, in a relatively short period of time, the greatest nation in the history of the Earth only serves to validate that brilliance.

But to the bluesuiter, those of us who defend the words of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, these docu-

ments say so much more. They outline not only the duties and responsibilities we have as Americans, but also the manner in which they are conducted. They guarantee all the rights and privileges associated with being free men and women, but stress that integrity should be the guide in all we do.

Great minds think alike.

It is unlikely that Jefferson, or Adams, or Franklin could have envisioned a U.S. Air

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Air Force strives to raise drug abuse awareness

The Air Force has announced nine initiatives designed to promote awareness of drug abuse and educate people on the problem.

The initiatives are the result of the Air Force Inspector General's concerns about what appeared to be rising drug abuse trends in the Air Force — especially in the area of new "club drugs."

The inspector general tasked the IG special investigations directorate to pool together various experts and determine if there was an increase in the drug abuse trend, and if so, why.

The Air Force Drug Abuse Reduction Team was created in October to address those questions. The team, composed of air staff-level experts from legal, medical, security forces, personnel, public affairs, recruiting, Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the Reserve and National Guard components, began meeting in November, said Maj. Janice Pegram, Air Force DART team chief.

The team's goal was to attack the problem from a variety of angles, focusing on prevention and deterrence, she said.

With respect to IG concerns about increased drug use, AF DART has determined the number of Air Force members identified as abusing drugs is growing.

The higher number can be attributed to higher use and better detection through testing and investigations, Pegram said.

The team came up with the following recommendations and initiatives the service can implement to help reverse the drug



Staff Sgt. J.T. Locke

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abuse trend:

- ◆ Recommend the Defense Department test recruits at military entrance processing stations for the same drugs the Air Force tests for. Currently, DOD only tests for marijuana and cocaine. The Air Force tests for marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, methamphetamines, PCP, LSD, opiates and barbiturates. Additionally, they test for ecstasy when the methamphetamine test is positive;
- ◆ Emphasize the periodic use of Air Force-wide weekend and holiday urinalysis testing, for detection and deterrence of club drugs;
- ◆ Expand instruction at squadron, group and wing commander courses and add officer professional military education classes. Emphasis will be put on commanders' options and the impact of drug abuse on readiness and mission;

- ◆ Field a standardized substance abuse prevention awareness program at all Air Force bases;

- ◆ Design commander's call topics that discuss the effects substance abuse has on health, and the potential consequences of using drugs in the military;

- ◆ Highlight zero tolerance, increased drug testing, and integrity issues with internal media to promote awareness within the Air Force community;

- ◆ Continue with Air Force chief of staff messages that focus on drug abuse and readiness, the importance of drug testing, drug prevention activities and commander involvement and responsibility;

- ◆ Create awareness videos on topics such as the chief of staff's expectations on drug abuse and the adverse effects of drug use on the body; and

- ◆ Establish the judge advocate

general as the Air Force focal point to integrate drug abuse data from various Air Force agencies and determine drug trends.

Based on the statistics, Pegram said the population most at risk for drug abuse is in the ranks of E-1 through E-4. In a memo to commanders, Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, urged commanders to take innovative approaches to the drug problem.

He said the rising negative trends in drug abuse by airmen are troublesome. "We need to be fair, firm and proactive as we enforce our standards," he said. Ryan also told commanders to ensure they leveraged initiatives like the Limited Privilege Suicide Prevention Program or the Alcohol Drug Abuse and Treatment Program. "We can save lives and sometimes careers with programs like these," he said. "Use them. That's why they are there." This program is a positive thing, Pegram said. "We're not looking at drug abuse from a punitive standpoint, but, instead are looking at ways to help our troops stay away from drugs in the first place," she said. "We believe we can do that with good education programs on the potentially devastating physiological and mental effects of drug abuse, a clear understanding of the reasons for zero tolerance, and widespread awareness of the stiff punishments and consequences if you're caught using drugs." The team hopes to have all initiatives implemented by summer 2002, Pegram said. (Air Force Print News)

Minds

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Force of 2001. Stealth technology, air-to-air refueling and the C-17 Globemaster III would have been significant leaps of faith, considering the Wright brothers' historical flight was still more than a century away.

Still, it is truly amazing how the key concepts of today's Air Force — our core values — are laced throughout the Declaration, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution. Although you won't find the words Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do anywhere in them, the ideas behind them are consistently on display in these documents.

Take, for example, the Declaration of Independence. Written by Jefferson during a 17-day period in mid-June 1776, the document includes some of the most famous words ever penned by a human being: "All men are created equal, ... endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness ... governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it."

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Master Sgt. Rick Burnham

In other words, so as to not impose upon the rights of their fellow citizens, the men and women empowered to any government office, including the military, should let integrity lead the way. "Integrity First" and always.

In Amendment III to the Constitution, part of the Bill of Rights, our forefathers said, "No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be described by law." Obviously, those of us in uniform should not use our status as members of the militia to obtain special privileges. To do so would very quickly undermine our credibility with the general public. They would doubt our integrity, and think of us as putting self interests before the country's.

By outlawing this type of activity, our forefathers ensured we place "Service Before Self."

Another example can be found in Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution. It states: "No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States, and no person holding any office ... shall accept any present, emolument, office or title ... from any king, prince, or foreign state." In other words, we must not use our status as government officials for personal gain.

Together, the Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights serve to ensure we live and work in an atmosphere conducive to living our lives to the fullest. Instead of worrying about whether our personal beliefs will be accepted by those in power, we can concentrate on more important things: our families, our careers, and our dreams. Success, accomplishment, "Excellence In All We Do."

We can speak our minds without worrying about retribution. We can assemble, and do it with the confidence that we can and will make a difference.

So we owe thanks to Messrs. Jefferson, Adams and Franklin. Thanks for showing us the way. While they couldn't have imagined it then, their forethought helped shape the greatest Air Force in the world, America's Air Force — "No One Comes Close!"

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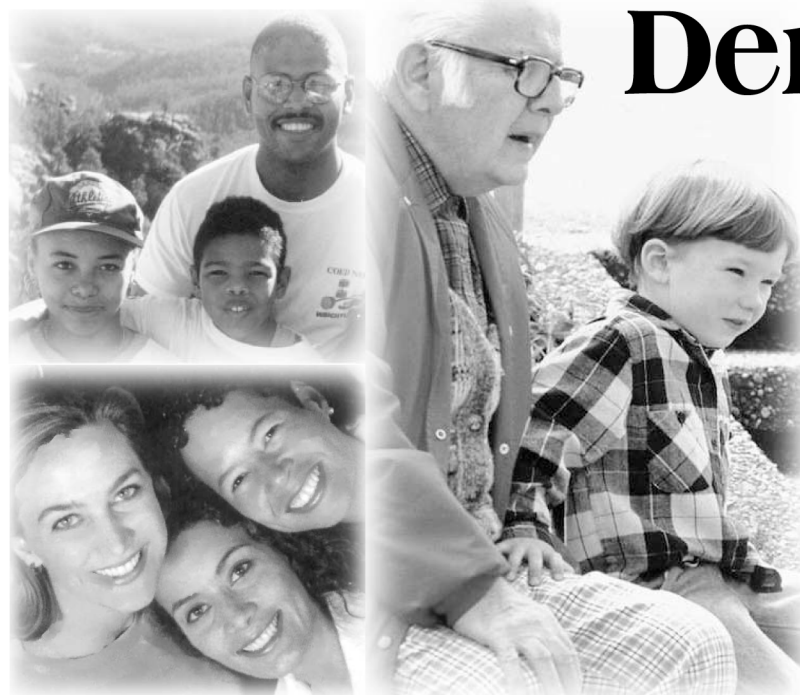


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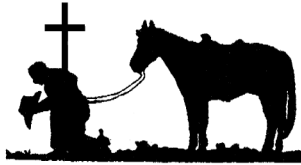
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Health Focus

By 1st Lt. Oleg Voronin
355th Medical Group

Mosquitoes, not a problem for those of us fortunate to live in the sunny and dry climate of Tucson; only those living in tropical climates need concern themselves, right?

Think again!

Mosquitoes, and more specifically several species of mosquitoes capable of transmitting disease are found right here in our area.

Mosquitoes are not just an ankle-biting nuisance, they can carry debilitating diseases capable of turning deadly including Malaria, Yellow Fever, Dengue, and several types of viral encephalitis, (Saint Louis Encephalitis, Western Equine Encephalitis, and West Nile Fever).

Arizona department of health officials have caught several types of mosquito species in and around the Tucson area.

The mosquito transmits disease by biting an infected person or bird (in the case of encephalitis transmission) and then in-turn biting another person injecting infected saliva into the bloodstream.

One type of mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, a known carrier of Dengue Fever and Yellow Fever, has been trapped in our region.

Dengue fever is a flu-like illness spread by the bite of an *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.

This illness is characterized by a sudden onset of high fever, severe headaches, and joint/muscle pain.

In rare cases, dengue hemorrhagic fever can occur as a complication of dengue and is a severe variety of the disease that can be fatal.

Another mosquito species found here is *Culex tarsalis*, capable of transmitting West Nile Fever, and Saint Louis Encephalitis.

Encephalitis is a viral infection of the brain and/or spinal cord. Symptoms range

Tucson's home to dangerous mosquitoes



Courtesy photo

A female *Aedes aegypti* mosquito engorges with blood while feeding. Dengue viruses are transmitted during the feeding process.

from a slight fever or headache to rapid onset of severe headache, high fever, disorientation, convulsions, paralysis, coma, or death.

Well, you're thinking how much of a problem is this, after all, with our advanced science and technology we must have a vaccine or at the very least be able to cure mosquito transmitted dengue and encephalitis.

Sorry, more bad news.

All that can be offered is rest and fluids. Protection centers on two key elements.

First, eliminate mosquito-breeding sites in and around your home, and second avoid mosquito bites.

The monsoons not only bring much needed rain to the area they also bring favorable mosquito breeding conditions.

The most effective method of prevention is

eliminating mosquito-breeding sites in your backyard, (tires, cans, jars, bottles, barrels, buckets, birdbaths, pet dishes, artificial ponds, or flower pots, etc.), any container that collects and holds water.

Many mosquitoes need very little water to breed, in particular the *Aedes aegypti* and is well adapted to living in urban areas.

Therefore, it is important to prevent standing, stagnant water by (1) either removing the container, (2) covering it with a tight fitting cover, (3) allowing the water to drain quickly (i.e., drill holes into the bottom of the container), (4) or by frequent cleaning (pet dishes, ponds, and birdbaths).

Although, mosquitoes are most active feeding time is during the hours of dusk to dawn they can bite anytime of the day, especially in shaded areas.

If you are outdoors during the hours of dusk to dawn, you should protect yourself from biting mosquito by wearing clothing that covers as much skin as possible, long sleeve shirts, pants and socks.

You may also use mosquito repellent on your clothing to repel mosquitoes however, carefully read and follow label directions.

Another preventive measure is to check for and repair any holes in your window/door screening.

Remember to protect you and your family from those pesky pests, mosquitoes while you're enjoying Tucson's magnificent weather.

For more information use the following resources:

355th Medical Group Public Health Office,
1st Lt. Oleg Voronin 8-2544

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(Left to right) Airman 1st Class Ryan Kruger, Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Anderson, Airman 1st Class Michael Angermeier, and Staff Sgt. Jody York build BDU-33 practice bombs.



If you ain't AMMO ...

EMS' Munitions Flight contributes to Close Air Support mission

Story and photos by Angie Erickson
355th Wing Public Affairs

What do they do way out there? Do we really want to know? Perhaps there is a reason that the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight is located three miles away and fenced in their own 240-acre compound far away from the rest of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

After all, they are the munitions systems



Airman 1st Class Fausto Rodriguez (left) and Staff Sgt. John Woletz (right) assemble an AIM-9 training missile.

specialists who build and store every type of ammunition the Wing uses. From 9 millimeter to 5.56 mm rounds for the M-9 and M-16, to the 25-pound practice bombs, all the way up to the 2000-pound general purpose bombs – if destruction is what the mission calls for, chances are the 150 men and women of the munitions flight will build it.

"While we issue the ammo to the squadrons on base for weapons qualification, small arms rounds are not our primary focus," said Tech. Sgt. Jake McMains, NCO in charge of conventional maintenance. "The Air Force was never designed to fight with small arms. That's why we focus on building bombs."

There are 11 shops working together to operate a self-contained environment at the site.

Since the munitions arrive in parts, troops are responsible for assembling them, off-loading new shipments, inspecting each component, logging them in their own data base and safely storing the ammunition until they are delivered to the flightline.

While there are no exposed explosives, it is still dangerous and complicated work, and a great deal of precaution is taken to ensure safety of the technicians.

Besides the standard basic personal protective equipment and safety briefings, the buildings are positioned and designed to meet the regulated explosive distances.

"Our main focus is training," said First Lt. Andre Lecours, Munitions Flight Commander, referring to their peacetime mission.

"D-M's A-10 'drivers' drop 700 500-pound bombs per year as well as 43,000 25-pound practice bombs at numerous ranges."

While the 25-pound smaller bombs are



Skilled hands make an adjustment on one of the practice bombs used by A-10 pilots.

more cost effective and have only six components, compared to the 15-component larger bombs, technicians may build up to 1,600 per day.

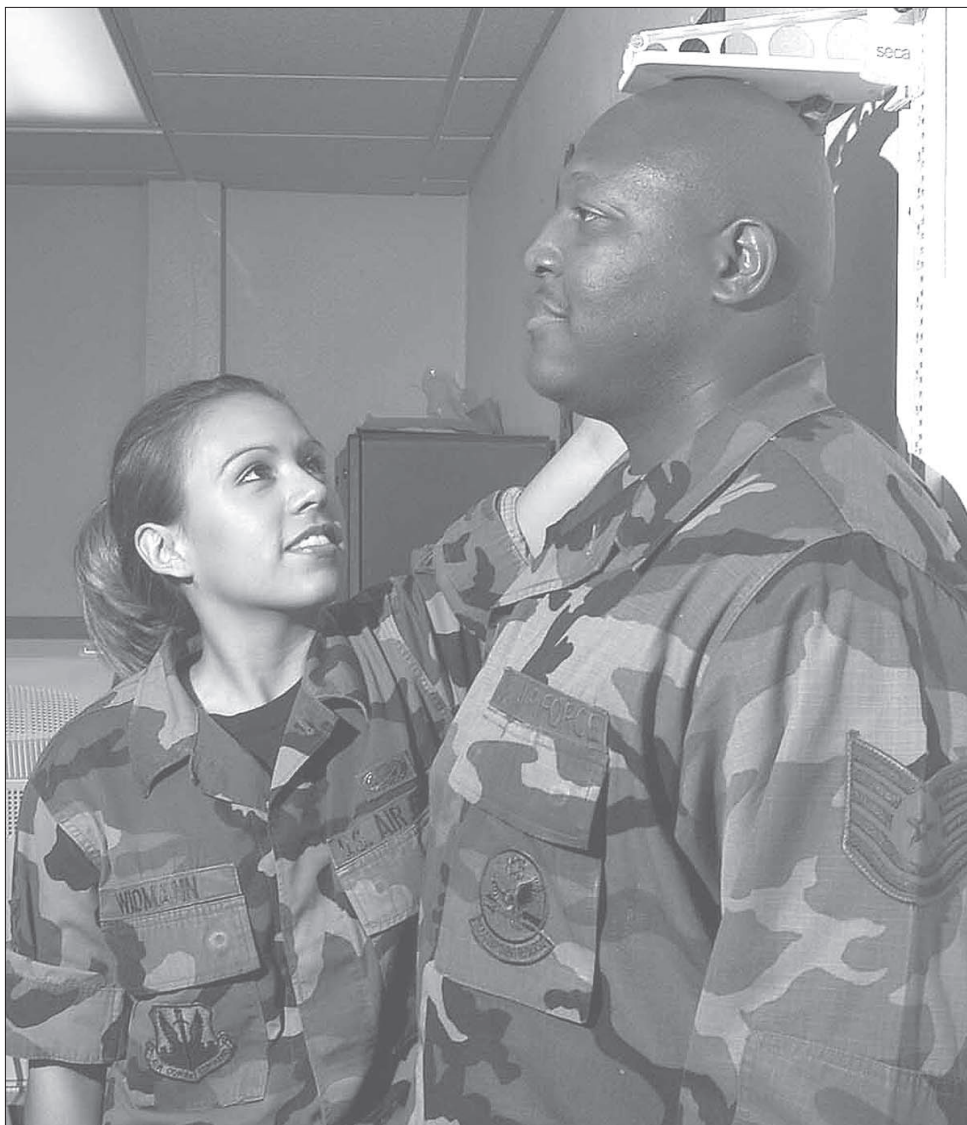
"We're the muscle of the mission," said Tech. Sgt. Jon Anderson, a technician who leads the crew that builds the practice bombs.

Whether they are building offensive bombs or constructing the more than 150,000 countermeasure defensive flares, Lecours' troops do it with pride.

"Without munitions, air superiority is impossible," said Staff Sgt. John Woletz.

And like the security forces and fire fighters who share similar hazardous missions, the munitions troops share a very similar camaraderie.

"Since we are technicians, good people are the key to our mission because of the nature of our work. While what we do is very serious, we try to keep the tone light to keep our morale high," said Airman 1st Class Adrin McAfee, munitions specialist.



Airman 1st Class Maryann Walker



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: Airman Tina Widmann

Organization: 355th Component Repair Squadron

Duty title: Orderly Room Clerk

Hometown: Brawley, Calif.

Years of service: One

Why did you join the Air Force: For the educational benefits, and also for the opportunity to see new places

Main responsibilities: Responsible for the squadron weight management program, leave program, unfavorable information files, temporary duty orders, duty status, DD Form 93s, Serviceperson's Group Life Insurance updates and unit Weighted Airman Promotion System monitor

Best aspects of your job: I like the fact that I meet new people all the time

Career goals: Learn as much of my job as I can and finish my career development course

Hobbies/outside activities: Going to the movies with my husband and relaxing at home

What do you like best about D-M: The fact that I'm only four hours from my home in California

What has been your best assignment; why: D-M is my first duty assignment

Who inspires you; why: My supervisor, Tech. Sgt. (Elliot) Govorchin; I have learned a great deal from him about my job and personnel issues. There has never been a time when I brought a concern to him that he did not take the time to explain it to me in an understandable manner.

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Several members of the D-M community take advantage of treadmills in the Fitness Center's Cardio Theater to keep in shape. The Cardio Theater opened nearly three years ago and features not only the treadmills, but also stationary and recumbent bicycles, Nordic Traks, and cross-trainers. The unique feature is that while patrons are working out, they can also be watching one of eight different television screens, or listening to their favorite music on one of six radio stations or three CD players. Call the fitness center at 8-3714 for more information about the Cardio Theater.

Sports Shorts

CGOC Bowling tournament

The D-M Company Grade Officers Council is hosting a bowling tournament today from 1 to 4 p.m. at the D-M Bowling Center. Cost to enter is \$50 per team (five person) and includes three games and shoes. Prizes will be given away as well as several raffles items. Call Christine Sakaniwa at 8-1151 for more information.

Youth bowling league

The last D-M Youth Bowling League sign up date is Saturday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. A parent's meeting will be Monday at 6 p.m. Start date for league is Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. The \$12 YABA registration fee is due at signup. Call Kristin Dunbar at 8-3461.

Punt, Pass & Kick

Ages 8 to 15 are invited to test their football skills at the NFL's Punt, Pass & Kick program, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday on the football field next to Bama Park. Boys and girls receive ribbons, certificates, prizes, and the chance to compete at regional and national levels. Contact youth sports director Kathy Sands at 8-8373.

D-M Lady Niners

The D-M Lady Niners golf league kicks off

its season Sept. 5 at the Blanchard Golf Course. The season continues through the last Wednesday in May.

The play season includes a spring mixer, club championship, commanders cup and invitationals to other clubs.

Dues for the season at \$25, plus \$15 for the United States Golf Association handicap service.

Interested players are encouraged to attend a sign-up coffee Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Eagle's Nest snack bar.

Call Sandra Ammirati at 296-5791 for more information.

D-M Women's Golf Association

The D-M Women's Golf Association is having a new season sign-up coffee Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Blanchard Golf Course. The first play day is Sept. 5, and the first general membership meeting is Oct. 3, with successive meetings held the first Wednesday of each month (through May). The association welcomes all lady golfers (active-duty, retired or family members).

New swimming hours

D-M's pool is no longer open weekdays. Swimming is now Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Weekend and holiday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for open swim, and 5 to 6 p.m.

for families. Lap swimming and water aerobics are Tuesdays to Fridays. Lap swimming, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., is free for active duty swimmers, and \$1 for all others. Water aerobics is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and costs \$2; no reservation is needed. Phone Outdoor Recreation at 8-3736.

OWC league openings

The D-M Officers Wives Club bowling league is opening their ranks to all D-M affiliated women. The league begins bowling Sept. 10 at 9:15 a.m. They bowl for 30 weeks, and the weekly cost is \$8.70 (paid monthly). Call Kathy Blohm at 749-4799 for more information.

Men's soccer tryouts

Tryouts for the men's soccer team begin Sept. 10 and continue through Sept. 24 at the field behind the wood hobby shop. Call Jason Bowersock at 8-5257 for more information.

Men's varsity basketball tryouts

Tryouts for the men's varsity basketball team are at 11 a.m. Sept. 15 at the Fitness Center. Call 8-3714 for more information.

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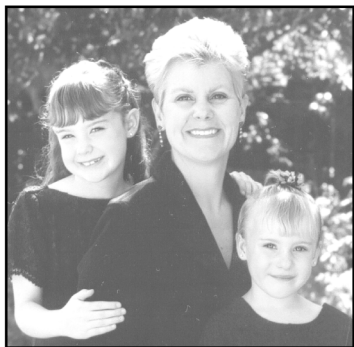


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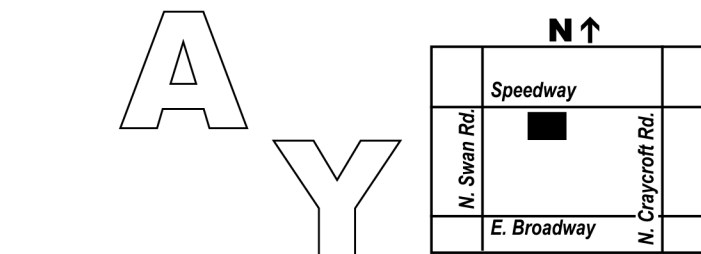


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Softball

Monday/Wednesday (FINAL STANDINGS)

Team	W-L
357 FS	12-1
TRANS	11-2
OSS	9-4
EMS (AGE)	9-4
25 OWS	9-4
CS	8-5
TRS	7-6
41 ECS	6-7
43 ECS #2	6-7
SUPS	6-7
CRS #1	4-9
CRS #2	2-11
12 AF #2	1-12
418 US Army	1-12

Tuesday/Thursday (FINAL STANDINGS)

Team	W-L
SFS	13-0
CONS/MSS	12-1
12 AF #1	11-2
CES #1	8-5
AMARC	7-6
CES #2	6-7
42 ACCS #1	6-7
43 ECS	5-8
MDG	5-8
EMS #2	5-8
358 FS	4-8
42 ACCS #2	4-9
SVS	3-10
DECA	1-11

Bowling

Tuesday Duo (Week 9)

Team	W-L
Vacant Winners	58-32
Seven Hundred	54-36
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The Cronies	50-40
Desert Rats	50-40
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High Game (Men): Lloyd Lee, 242
High Game (Women): Kristin Dunbar, 195

Sports Shorts

Registration available

Online registration is now available for runners interested in participating in the 5th Annual Air Force Marathon Sept. 22 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. This year, marathon officials have added the capability for Ekiden relay teams and marathon teams to register together. To register, visit the marathon Web page and click on the "register information" button. Payment is by credit card only. A relay or marathon team captain will be required to provide the total team payment on one credit card, and will also need to provide the personal information (name, address, phone, age, weight and e-mail) for all team members. Entrants who provide a valid e-mail address will receive a confirmation e-mail within two weeks of registration. Confirmation cards will be sent through the U.S. Postal Service to those registrants who do not provide a valid e-mail address. The entry deadline is Sept. 5. Changes to team composition will not be made after Sept. 12. Call the U.S. Air Force Marathon office at (937) 257-4350 for more information.

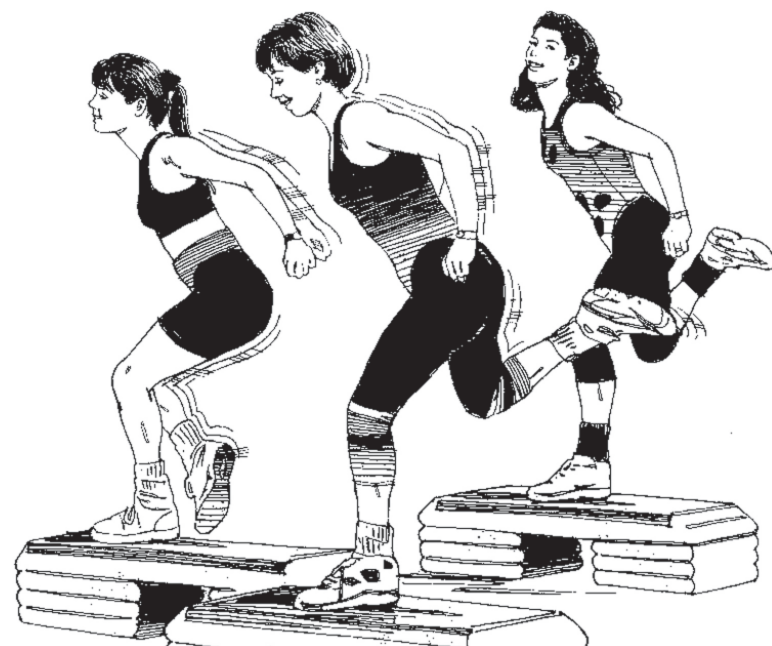
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Aerobics, exercise classes

The Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offers a lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week (instructor name in parentheses - Free or \$ cost). Call 8-3714 for more information.

Monday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step (Rumiko - \$2); Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning (Corinne - \$3); 3 to 4 p.m. - Spinning (MDG only); 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - Capoeira (Rhonda - \$30/40 per month); 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Aerobics



(Rumiko - \$2); 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul - \$25 per month)

Tuesday - 8 to 9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne - \$2); 11 a.m. to noon - Step (Rumiko - \$2); noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training (Corinne - \$2); 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph - \$25 per month)

Wednesday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Spinning (MDG only); 11 a.m. to noon - Step (Kelly - Free); Noon to 1 p.m. - Kick boxing (Corinne - \$2); 5:30 to 6:30 - Aerobics (Rumiko - \$2); 6:40 to 7:40 p.m. - Belly dancing I (Angela - \$20 for four sessions); 7:40 to 8:40 p.m. - Belly dancing II (Angela - \$30 for eight sessions)

Thursday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne - \$2); 11 a.m. to Noon p.m. - Step (Rumiko - \$2); Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training (Corinne - \$2); 5 to 6 p.m. - Step (Rumiko - \$2); 6:10 to 8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph - \$25 per month)

Friday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Spinning (MDG only); 11 a.m. to noon - Step (Kelly - Free); Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning (Corinne - \$3); 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul - \$25 per month)

Saturday - 10 to 11:30 a.m. - Step (Rumiko - \$3); 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. - Capoeira (Rhonda - \$30/40 per month)

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Chapel Schedule

Desert Dove Chapel Schedule

Saturday: Catholic Mass is at 5 p.m.

Sunday: Catholic Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m.

Sunday: Protestant Contemporary Service is at 8:30 a.m.

Hope Chapel Schedule

Sunday: Protestant Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m.

Sunday: Protestant Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m.

Daily: Catholic Mass/Communion is at 11:30 a.m. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m.

Protestant activities

Today: Aim High Bible study is at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel annex. Call 889-8320.

Saturday: Young married Bible study is at 6 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel beginning Sept. 22 through Nov. 17. Call 546-4553.

Sunday: Sunday school is at 10 a.m. at Desert Dove and Hope Chapels. Fall quarter starts Sept. 9. Call 8-5411.

Tuesday: Women's Bible study begins Sept. 4 and continues through Nov. 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Childcare is provided. Singles Bible study is at 7 p.m. in Building 3220, Third Floor.

Wednesday: Promise Keepers Bible study is at 11:30 a.m. at the 355th EMS Squadron Conference Room in Building 4810. The study will be presented Sept. 5 through Nov. 21.

Thursday: Mothers of Preschoolers will meet the second Tuesday of the month from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Desert Dove and Hope Chapels.

Protestant Men of the Chapel meet the 2nd Thursdays of the month at Desert Dove Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

Catholic schedule

Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation is from 4 to 5 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church.

Baptisms are the first Saturday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.

Baptism: Baptism classes are the Tuesday before the first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Hope Chapel.

Wednesday: Rite for Christian Initiation is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.



Family Support

Saturday: Welcome home banner workshop in the Hope Chapel from 1 to 3 p.m.

Give Parents a Break from 2 to 6 p.m.

Monday: Interview Workshop, 8 to 10 a.m., Building 3200, Room 266.

Tuesday: Right Start/Medical Start, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Building 3200, Room 266. Time for Tots, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.

Thursday: Fun Time, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.

Baby Basics

The next Baby Basics class, for expectant mothers in their third trimester, is Sept. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Building 4220, Second Floor in the Family Advocacy Office.

Pat Boyd, Registered Nurse, presents information on basic infant care, growth and development. Call 8-5690 to register for the class.

Layette Program

D-M members who are E-4 and below and just had their first child can receive a layette compliments of Family Services. The only requirement is to bring in the birth certificate to Family Services in Building 3210 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 8-3369 or 8-5690 for more information.



On-base clubs

Officers' Club

Today: Patio Steak Night at 5 p.m.

Saturday: Prime rib for two is \$22.95

Sunday: Breakfast buffet at 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Monday: Club closes at 2 p.m.

Barber Shop open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Social hour is 5 p.m. weekdays

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Wednesday: Free tacos for members at social hour

Thursday: Mongolian BBQ is 5:30 to 8 p.m.

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Today: Catfish lunch buffet is just \$5.35

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Saturday: Club closed, Cabana opens 1 p.m.

Sunday: Club closed, Cabana opens 1 p.m.

Monday: Club closed, Cabana opens 10:30 a.m. Ask about the special.

Tuesday: 2-4-1 Steak Night from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Win \$25,000 at 6 p.m. bingo game

Wednesday: Buy five sandwiches, get one free

Thursday: Call now about holiday parties free pizza at social hour

Community Programs

Today: Cosmic Bowling is 7 to 11 p.m.

Saturday: Outdoor rec sunset trail ride, call 8-3736

Monday: Swim weekend/holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., call 8-3736

Tuesday: Ladies golf clinic is 5 p.m., call 8-3734 to reserve

Wednesday: Stormy's Cyber Cafe open until 10 p.m., call 8-3717

Thursday: Adult golf clinic is 4 p.m., call 8-3734 to reserve

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Youth programs

Today: Preteen back-to-school dance from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Youth center

Saturday: Junior Golf Clinic at 8 a.m., call 8-3461.

Preteen/teen NASCAR racing 5 to 10 p.m., call 8-8844

Sunday: Punt, Pass & Kick is 8:30 a.m., call 8-8373

Monday: Teen camping trip starts Friday, call 8-8465

Tuesday: Preteen/teen basketball challenges, 6 to 7 p.m., call 8-8373

Wednesday: Primary back-to-school dance 6 to 8 p.m. at the Youth Center

Thursday: Preteen/teen frisbee golf from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center

Other agencies

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Senior students and exceptional juniors may qualify for membership in the Pinnacle, a non-traditional honor society. Students must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher. Deadline to apply is Sept. 15. Call the office at 748-8266 or stop by Building 3200, Room 245 for more information and/or application.

Hispanic Committee needs volunteers

The 355th Wing Hispanic Heritage Committee meets every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Military Equal Opportunity training room in the Building 2300 (near finance).

They are gearing up for this year's federally sponsored Hispanic Heritage Month Observance (Sept. 15 to Oct. 15).

Volunteers from around base are needed

to make this year's celebration a success. Call Rico Triana at 8-5690 or Master Sgt. Dave Triana at 8-9238 or 8-5277 for more information.

Environmental announcement

The integration of all aspects of natural resources management and the military mission of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is accomplished annually through the base's Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan. The public is invited to review the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for Davis-Monthan AFB, which will be available at the Tucson Main Library from Saturday to Sept. 25. Public comment is encouraged. Instructions for comment are with the document.

Questions may be directed to Davis-Monthan Natural Resources office at 8-3215.

Thrift Store

D-M Thrift Shop is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignment taken until 1 p.m. Sale until 2 p.m.

The thrift shop will be open Sept. 8, the second Saturday of the month instead of the first Saturday due to Labor Day. Call 8-2120 to reserve space for large items and furniture. Located in Building 3220 on Ironwood across from the bowling alley.

Munitions Storage Area

The 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight will be conducting its 100 percent semi-annual inventory Sept. 5 to 30. During this period custody account support will be limited.

All munitions transactions for custody accounts must be submitted to munitions operations not later than 4 p.m. Sept. 4.

Any issue requests after this date will require an emergency issue letter. Call Staff Sgt. Michael Mosher 8-8911 for more information.

Ed center 8-4815/3813

Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and 26: Study skills class. All classes start at 8 a.m. in Building 3200 Room 265. (Open to active duty members, dependents, DOD civilians, and retirees)

Sept. 19: Last day to sign up for the English Composition with Essay (test Oct. 19).

Nov. 1 deadline: The Air Force Spouses Scholarship program.

Scams

Beware of scams and check the legitimacy of College Level Exam Programs tests with the Education Center before buying. The Education Center has free study guides for any CLEP, Excelsior College Exam Program or DANTES tests.

VEAP-MGIB conversion

Oct. 4 briefing: Don't wait until Oct. 31 to convert over to the Montgomery GI Bill. If you're active duty or have recently retired and have had a Veterans Education Assistance Program account, whether you have money in it or not, you are eligible to convert over to the MGIB.

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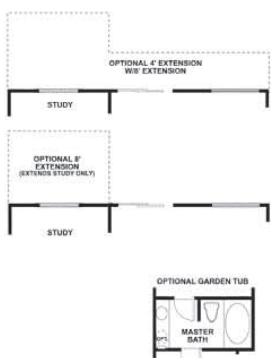
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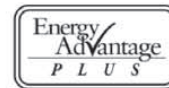
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